

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 PORT L 00494 061454Z
ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 AID-05 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-07
FRB-03 INR-07 NSAE-00 USIA-06 TRSE-00 XMB-02
OPIC-03 SP-02 LAB-04 EPG-02 SIL-01 OMB-01 NSC-05
SS-15 STR-04 CEA-01 AGR-05 NEA-10 DODE-00 PM-04
H-01 L-03 PA-01 PRS-01 /116 W
-----061457Z 048876 /46

R 060807Z MAY 77
FM AMEMBASSY PORT LOUIS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6692
INFO AMEMBASSY ANTANANARIVO
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY PARIS
CINCUSNAVEUR
*COMIDEASTFOR
CINCPAC

C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT LOUIS 0494

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR PINT PGOV ECON MP ELAB
SUBJECT: MAURITIUS WEEKLY REVIEW - MAY 6 SUMMARY

REF:PORT LOUIS 450

1. THOUGH A MAY DAY RALLY IN PORT LOUIS ORGANIZED BY THE MAJOR
TRADE UNION FEDERATIONS DREW A RELATIVELY SMALL CROWD, IT DID BRING
ABOUT A COMMON FRONT OF RIVAL UNIONS AGAINST THE LABOR MINISTER'S
PLAN TO CUT OFF MANDATORY DUES PAYMENTS FROM WORKERS. THE PRIME
MINISTER MET LATER WITH THE COMMON FRONT LABOR LEADERS TO HEAR
THEIR GRIEVANCES.

2. IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS THE MAJORS OF THE FIVE CITIES WHICH
RECENTLY HELD MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS WERE SELECTED, WITH
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 PORT L 00494 061454Z

MMM'S VICE PRESIDENT KADER BHAYAT GETTING THE MAYORSHIP OF PORT
LOUIS, JEAN CLAUDE DE L'ESTRAC, THE MMM'S ASSISTANT SECRETARY
GENERAL, TAKING ROSE HILL/BEAU BASSIN, AND THE PMSD CHIEF,
GAETAN DUVAL, BECOMING CUREPIPE'S MAYOR. THE INITIAL CITY
COUNCIL SESSIONS WERE REPORTEDLY HARMONIOUS DESPITE THEIR
MIXED PARTY COMPOSITION.

3. THE GOVERNMENT' NEWLY-LAUNCHED BUDGET PROPOSAL CAME UNDER FIRE BY THE LEADER OF TH OPPOSITION WHO CHARGED THAT IT FAVORED THE RICH OVER THE POOR. IN GENERAL, HOWEVER, THE OPPOSITION LEADER'S ATTACK WAS CONSIDERED TO BE RATHER "CONCILIATORY" BY SOME. AND IN FACT, RUMORS SPREAD LAST WEEK THAT RAMGOOLAM AND BERENGER WERE AT THE POINT OF FORMING A LABOR-MMM COALITION. PORT LOUIS' LEADING NEWSPAPER EVEN PRINTED A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE SPECULATING ON THE RUMOR, AND THE EFFECTS SUCH A COALITION WOULD HAVE ON THE COUNTRY. THE RUMORS WERE HOTLY DENIED BY THE MMM LEADERSHIP.

4. ON THE ECONOMIC FRONT, MAURITIUS SIGNED TWO SIZEABLE DEVELOPMENT LOANS LAST WEEK; ONE FOR RS 39.5 MILLION FROM THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, AND THE OTHER FOR RS 37.5 MILLION FROM THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK OF INDIA. DAMAGE TO THE 1977 SUGAR CROP BY THE "POU A POCHE BLANCHE" (WHITE LICE) HAS CAUSED THE INDUSTRY TO ADJUST DOWNWARD ITS ESTIMATE FOR PRODUCTION -- FROM 720,000 TONS TO 650,000 TONS.
BROWN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ELECTION RESULTS, MAYOR, GOVERNMENT BUDGET, POLITICAL SUMMARIES, DEVELOPMENT LOANS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 06-May-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977PORTL00494
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770159-1110
Format: TEL
From: PORT LOUIS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770585/aaaacvfm.tel
Line Count: 81
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 08b80799-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 PORT LOUIS 450
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 08-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2615377
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MAURITIUS WEEKLY REVIEW - MAY 6 SUMMARY
TAGS: PFOR, PINT, PGOV, ECON, ELAB, MP
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/08b80799-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009